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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 4, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to a June 4, 2002 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 4, 2002 Office Action was originally due September 4, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small entity status. The required fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is \$460.00 and a check in this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the June 4, 2002 Office Action is now due December 4, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.